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REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE DECISION OF 17 AUGUST 1989 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO

Report of the Rapporteur

1. At its 1373rd meeting, on 15 August 1990, the Special Committee adopted a resolution (A/AC.109/1051) on the item entitled "Special Committee decision of 17 August 1989 concerning Puerto Rico". The operative paragraphs of the resolution read as follows:

"The Special Committee,

"...

"1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the applicability of the fundamental principles of that resolution with respect to Puerto Rico;

"2. Expresses its hope, and that of the international community, that in accordance with the best interests of the people of Puerto Rico, the dialogue should continue and that legal measures should be adopted which will bring to a successful conclusion, as soon as possible, a process leading to the self-determination of the Puerto Rican people;

"3. Exhorts all interested parties to cooperate so that the people of Puerto Rico may exercise without hindrance their right to self-determination with the express recognition of the people's sovereignty and full political equality, in conformity with the doctrine and practice of the United Nations;

"4. Requests the Rapporteur to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of its resolutions concerning Puerto Rico;

"5. Decides to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review."

2. On 24 August 1990, the Chairman of the Special Committee transmitted the text of the resolution to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the attention of his Government.

3. Having regard to the request addressed to him in paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee, in a note verbale of the same date addresssed to the Permanent Representative of the United States, requested information on action taken or envisaged by the Government of the United States in the implementation of the relevant resolutions.

4. In the context of the present item, the Rapporteur wishes to draw attention to related reports prepared by the Rapporteur of the Special Committee in 1982 (A/AC.109/L.1436), 1984 (A/AC.109/L.1519), 1985 (A/AC.109/L.1571), 1986 (A/AC.109/L.1598), 1987 (A/AC.109/L.1633), 1988 (A/AC.109/L.1676), 1989 (A/AC.109/L.1703) and 1990 (A/AC.109/L.1746), as well as to a study on Puerto Rico prepared by him in 1985 (A/AC.109/L.1572 and Corr.1 and 2).

5. Information on any further developments will be issued in addenda to the present report.